

## **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP**

**October 19, 2016 | Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, Quito**

### **Transforming postgraduate education and new approaches to capacity building**

**Throughout the New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals, the need for capacity development is being acknowledged as a crucial precondition and important driver for their implementation. In order to develop the necessary human capacities for the implementation of the NUA and SDGs, respective formats for education and capacity development need to be developed and/or adapted in order to prepare future urban managers for holistic thinking and integrated acting. This requires academic institutions to reconsider their educational approaches in the field of urban planning and to think beyond conventional scopes - in order to develop skills for policy management, integrated approaches, change management and practical implementation in the context of sustainable urban development.**

**The main objective of the seminar is to solicit inputs on the main challenges and opportunities in graduate education from academic institutions and networks active in this field. The deliberations are guided by two questions:**

- What reforms are needed in the academic sector to contribute to the implementation of the NUA and SDGs?**
- What is needed in terms of developing capacities of urban practitioners for managing the politics of policy, effecting relevant integration, facilitating change through participatory means, and translating theory into practice?**

#### **Participants**

**The seminar will involve representatives of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, Cite Flasco, School of Architecture and Planning at University of Witwatersrand, Habitat Unit at Technische Universität Berlin as well as representatives of other higher education institutions and relevant regional networks including the Association of African Planning Schools (AAPS), the African Urban Research Initiative (AURI).**

**The workshop will take place at PUCE - Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador – Library**

**Avenida 12 de Octubre 1076, Vicente Ramón Roca.**



## Programme

**4:00 – 4:10 Business as usual – or ...? The implications of the NUA for postgraduation education and training**

**Welcome and introduction**

**4:10 – 4:40 Introduction to working themes for education and capacity building reform**

**Input by working group facilitators and formation of working groups**

**4:40 – 5:30 Working group sessions**

- (1) Managing the politics of policy**
- (2) Effecting relevant integration**
- (3) Facilitating change in participatory ways**
- (4) Navigating between theory and practice**

**Shared key questions:**

**Why? Defining needs and challenges from local perspectives**

**What? Skills and capacities**

**How? Methods, formats, networks, partnerships**

**5:30 – 6:00 Presentation of working group results**

**5 min for each reform area: relevant topics, expertise/skills, methods/formats)**

**6:00 – 6:30 Concluding brainstorm**

**What is needed? What are next steps?**

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